CLAIMS

1. A method for visually organizing collections of annotated Web-based documents, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a plurality of annotated documents, each of the annotated documents including a Web-based document associated with corresponding annotation data;

(b) generating a thumbnail image for each of the annotated documents to permit a visual recall;

(c) associating searchable attributes of the annotation data with a searchable index; and

(d) obtaining a subset of the annotated documents from the plurality of annotated documents by searching the corresponding attributes in the searchable index.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the attributes include at least one of an annotation element, a time and date of an annotation event, an author of the annotated document, a predefined category, a set of text-based comments and a Website associated with the annotated document.

3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the annotation element includes at least one of ink marks, highlight marks, text-based windows, and audio dictations.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the attributes include at least one of ink-mark colors, highlight mark colors, and ink-mark shapes.